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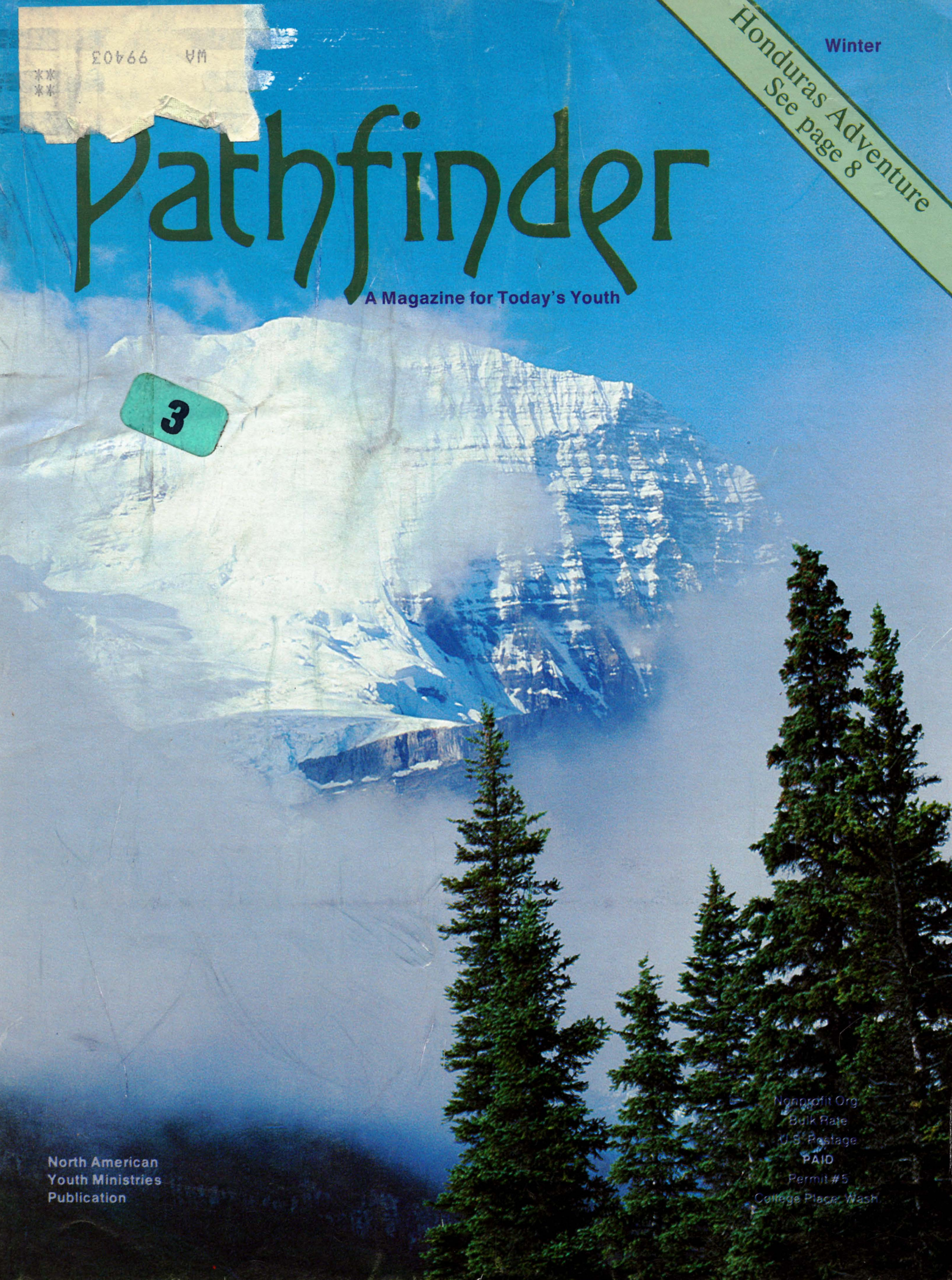

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Sincerely,

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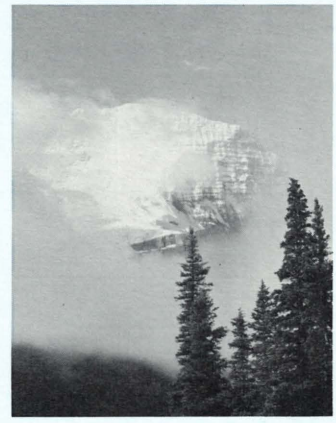
On the Cover

Sights like this are one of winter's many rewards. Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, peers through clouds on a wonderful winter morning. The mountain is located near the Yellow Head Pass in northern British Columbia, and stands 12,972 feet tall. Photo by Gary Tetz.



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Chills and Thrills of Winter Camping

By Elsie Stanley

Sunshine dancing on large snowfields. Air so crisp it tasted good. Quietness so deep we could feel it inside.

It was an early Sabbath morning in the Ozalinka Valley and we were out in the beautiful winter sun for a snowshoe hike.

The awesome power of God was displayed in every ragged, rocky skyline. Rolling white hills with grey and blue shadows surrounded us, and miniature ice crystals sparkled in the air. It was beautiful!

As we climbed to the top of a ridge, we could see our campsite below. Looking down, we saw a new surprise. Written in large letters across the valley floor was the message, "Thank you Jesus."

Carol had stayed in camp that morning to recover from the strenuous climb and heavy pack of the day before. As she read, rested and snowshoed out into the valley, her gratitude demanded a response. So she tramped out a love letter to her Best Friend.

The Robson Peaks Pathfinders from McBride, British Columbia, have enjoyed many delightful winter camping trips.

We have discovered that snow travel and snow camping have a charm and convenience that make for memorable outings. The winter absence of mosquitos and bears can even help outshine summer camping trips, although we enjoy summer, too.

We love traveling on endless pathways of trackless snow. When we come upon animal or bird tracks, we enjoy reading their stories in the snow.

Elsie Stanley is a homemaker from McBride, British Columbia. She and her husband have worked 20 years with the Robson Peaks Pathfinders. She is currently director of that group.

. . . a hole in the snow and grouse tracks walking away from an overnight home

. . . long-leaping mouse tracks ending suddenly with a bird's wing-tip marks

. . . martin tracks over squirrel tracks and a bit of fur left where the smaller one was overtaken. . . .

Snow outings are fun, but you need to be prepared. A winter campout can turn into a dangerous nightmare if the group is not well prepared. Your physical condition, the proper equipment, and snow camping skills are important factors in making your trip enjoyable. Plan for the best, but be prepared for the worst.

Clothing

Proper equipment starts with clothing. In cold weather, it is best to dress in layers. This way if you get too warm you can take off a layer or two. And when you get cold you can put them back on.

Long underwear should be your first layer. The following layers should be of loose-fitting winter clothes.

- Jeans or heavy pants
- Flannel or wool shirts
- Long-sleeved sweaters

Wool is a very good material to wear because it stays warm even when wet. If it does get wet, it dries out quickly in the open air.

The last layer includes your jacket and warm-ups or ski pants. A waterproof down or dacron jacket will keep you warm and dry. If your jacket is not waterproof, a light waterproof windbreaker should be used over it.

Mittens, boots, hats, sunglasses or goggles, and gaiters are other important parts of your outfit. Gaiters are a waterproof sleeve that covers the cuff of your pants and the top of your boots. Using gaiters will help keep your pants and your feet dry.

Sleeping Gear

Your sleeping bag is another very important piece of equipment. Your sleeping bag should keep you warm at least 20 degrees below the average temperature where you will be sleeping.

You must insulate both above and below you. A sleeping pad will insulate as well as smooth out bumps.

There are several ways to keep out of the cold weather. The easiest, but probably the coldest, is a tent. It will keep the snow off, but the cold air can still come right through. If you want to be nice and cozy, you can build a snow cave or an igloo like the one described in the Wilderness Whatnots section on page 10.

It should be fairly easy to choose a campsite. Most of the rough ground will be covered with snow. Be careful of trees however. Snow often slides off limbs. A tent in the wrong place could be easily damaged.

Remember, you can melt snow for drinking water. So you don't *have* to be by a creek to get water.

These are just a few things to remember for your winter outings. Have lots of fun on your next snow campout, be prepared, and send a special "thank you" message to Jesus.

Pathfinder's
Cold Weather Camping Checklist

Camp Gear
Backpack
Ground Cloth
Sleeping Pad
Sleeping Bag
Cup
Bowl
Spoon
Canteen
Back Pack Stove
Shovel

Clothes
Hat/Cap (Wool)
T-Shirts
Shirt (Wool)
Jacket (Down or Dacron)
Sweatshirt
Windbreaker
Raincoat/Poncho
Underwear
Long Underwear
Pants
Belt
Socks (Wool)
Socks (Light)
Boots
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Gaiters
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Flashlight
Extra Bulb/Batteries
Candle
Shoe Preserver
Compass
Map of Area
Trowel
Camera/Film
Survival Kit
Paper/Pencil
Watch/Clock
Ditty Bag (with Miscellaneous Items)

Make a Candle This Christmas

This year for Christmas, why not give something that will really be treasured, something you made yourself. A pretty, homemade candle makes a perfect Christmas gift that is from the heart as well as the hands.

Candlemaking is a craft with a long history, yet one which remains fun and useful today. With a little imagination and creativity, you can make some fine candles. And this article will tell you how to do just that.

Before you start doing anything, it's a good idea to get **everything** you'll need to make the candles.

Supplies and Tools

- **Candle Wax:** You may buy wax at a craft store or use old candles you already have. Make sure that you have enough of one kind to complete your candle. It is better to have some left over than not to have enough!
- **Mold:** Again, you can buy the mold, but many things you have at home will work. Try a plastic cup, interesting bottle, cottage cheese carton, or even a milk carton. Just make sure you can get the wax out once it has hardened!
- **Wick:** If you melt old candles, the wick will fall to the bottom and you can reuse it. Otherwise, you can buy either wire wicking or just a regular braided cotton wick at a craft store.
- **Crayons:** You'll need some if you want to change the color of the wax.
- **Stove, pan, tin cans,** and **thermometer** are needed for melting the wax.
- **Newspaper** and **foil:** You won't spend much time cleaning up if you use these.

When you have everything you need, plan your candle-making session. A friend's help will make it even more fun, but don't invite a crowd. Begin only when you know you have time to finish. Three hours is a safe estimate.

Setup

Cover the stove with foil so you can clean up easily when you are done. Also spread several layers of newspaper over the table and floor around your work area.

Melting Process

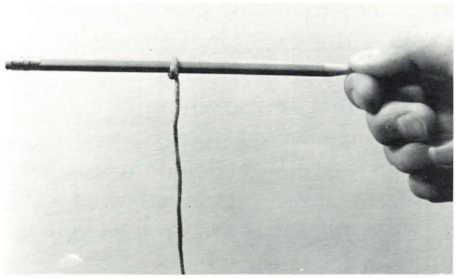
Put an inch of water in a large pan. Set on the stove to boil. Break the candle wax into small pieces, and fill cans 2/3 full with the pieces (and crayons). Place the can in the boiling water.

While the wax is melting, you may be getting your mold and wick set up. **But whatever you do, don't** go away from the hot wax. Be sure to check the water frequently and add water when necessary. If it runs out, the wax will become too hot and could explode.

Place your mold in a pan and set it on a solid surface. A spill of hot wax on your skin will not feel nice, so be careful.

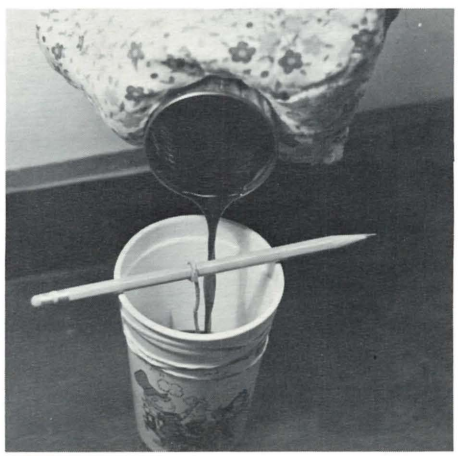
If you use a home-made mold, you'll need to make something to hold the wick in place while the wax hardens. A pencil layed across the mold with the wick tied around it will work well.

For our candle we have chosen a plastic cup for our mold.



Pouring

Using gloves, hold the can of wax near the top, where it isn't so hot. As you pour the wax into the mold, keep the can close to the mold. This will allow less foam and fewer bubbles to get into your candle.



As the wax hardens, a pit will form in the center of the candle. Continue to fill this until it no longer forms, and the candle is hard.

Set the candle in a safe place to let it finish cooling. When it has, carefully remove it from the mold. If the mold can be thrown away, you may tear it off. Otherwise gently push from the bottom until the candle is free.

Cleanup

When you have finished pouring the candle, make sure that the stove is off. Place anything that is still hot in a safe place to cool.

Gather all newspapers and foil, and put away all of the tools and supplies.

Never pour melted wax into the sink. The drain will plug up for sure if you do.

Give or Use Your Candle

Once you've completed the candle, don't hide it! Let it shine, or better yet, give it to a friend for Christmas. Homemade gifts are not soon forgotten!

Important Safety Tips

1. Use gloves when handling hot wax.
2. Don't leave hot wax unattended.
3. Make sure there's water in the pan at all times. The wax can explode if it gets too hot.
4. Never pour wax directly over an open flame. It is highly flammable.
5. If wax does catch fire, don't try to put it out with water. That only spreads it. Instead, cover it with a lid or douse with baking soda.
6. Gently slip, don't drop, chunks of wax into the cans of hot melting wax.
7. First aid for skin burns: place in clean, cold water.
8. Always set molds on a pan or cookie sheet before pouring. Molds might leak.

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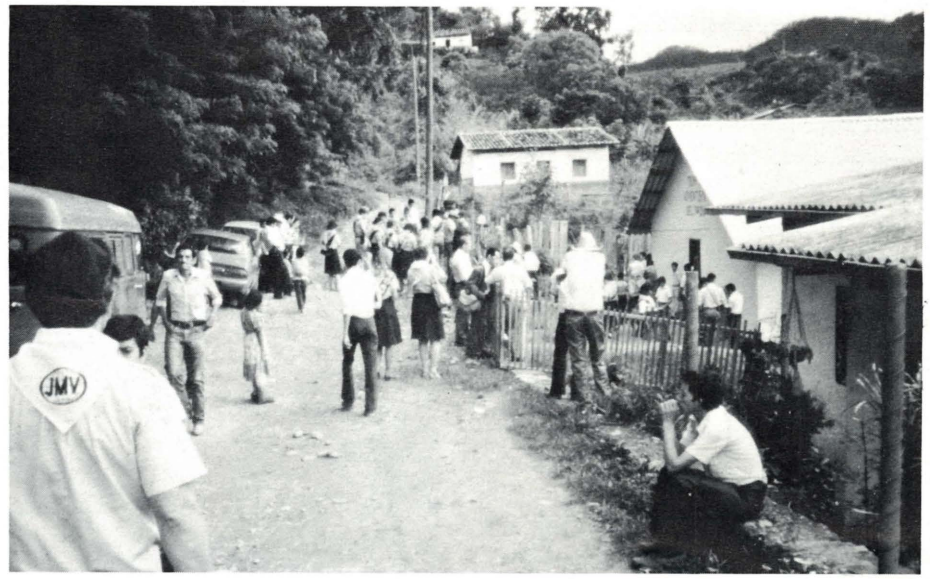


Mission Impact Hits Honduras

by Caroline Rogers

Does the thought of helping others and reaching out to serve people in need excite you? Do you like to swim in warm, tropical water every day, or snorkel with multi-colored fish over beautiful coral reefs? Have you ever wanted to visit far away places?

With the Mission Impact program you can, and some Florida Pathfinders did. They traveled to Honduras in July and got a first-hand view of mission life. The two-week trip included plenty of swimming, and a healthy portion of helping others.

Each year, the group travels to a chosen country. Then they are divided into special teams. Some help build churches and schools. Some travel to villages giving musical programs. Others help teams of doctors who set up clinics in various towns. All feel good about the different jobs they are doing.

This year's tropical trip started on the Central American mainland in the small town of Copan near the Guatemalan border. Then it was on to the island of Roatan near Honduras. Some Pathfinders stayed on Roatan, while others went to another Bay Island called Utila.

Caroline Rogers was with the Mission Impact group on the Honduras trip. She is currently attending the University of Central Florida.

Three groups put on religious programs at some of the small local churches on the islands. Pathfinders sang, read poems, or told stories to the eager audiences. The local people said "thank-you" with corn cake, mango jam, tomato loaf, papayas and other treats. There was certainly no shortage of food.

Some traveled throughout the islands by taxi or even by dory (dug-out canoe), staying in a new town every day. They did have to sleep on narrow, hard church pews. But the hot pancakes made on native mud stoves more than made up for it. Every day, the Pathfinders presented a program for their new friends.

The construction team stayed at French Harbor on Roatan Island. They renovated an old church into a Sabbath School building for children. Some painted the new addition on an elementary school. Pathfinders sanded, hammered and varnished. And they had fun doing it.

Part of this construction group joined with another traveling team, and in two days put up the walls and roof of a small church. They often had to work in the rain, and all the lumber had to be carried to the top of a very steep muddy hill. But amazingly, as the water came down, the spirits went up.

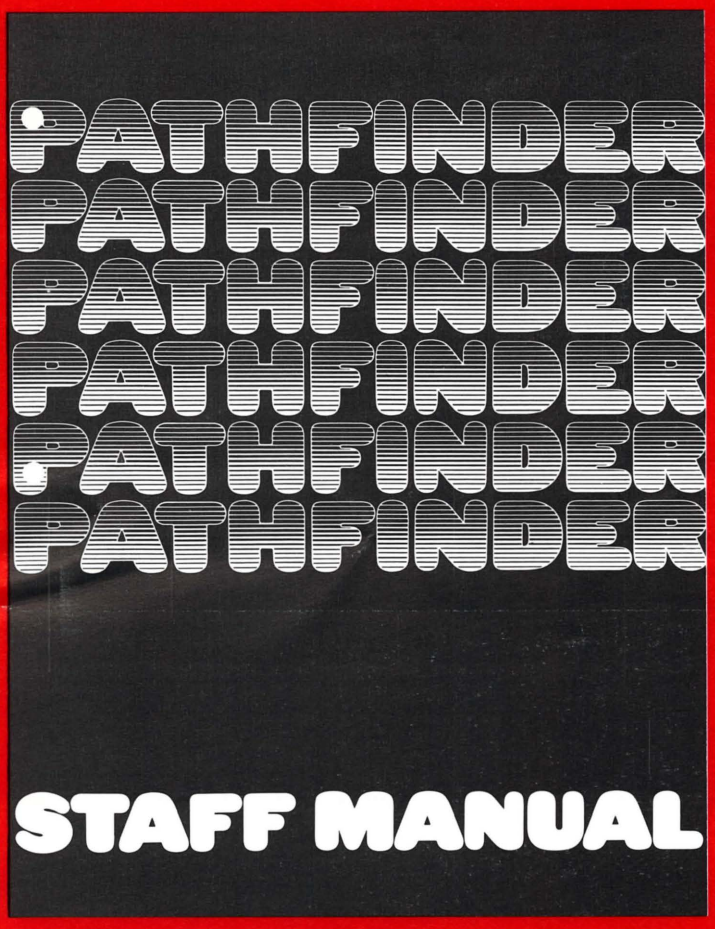
The medical group was made up of Pathfinders, nurses, doctors, dentists and a chiropractor.

In French Harbor town every morning, a line of people from all over the island waited for the doctors to begin their work. The Pathfinders didn't just stand around and watch. They learned to take blood pressures and to test for anemia. They even assisted on several minor surgeries. There was no time for squeamish stomachs. They were too busy.

The word "busy" best describes this year's Honduras Mission Impact trip. But other words like "challenging," "tiring," "exhilarating," and "fun" could fit almost as well.

The trip was an energetic one, and it made an impression on everyone. The lives of local people were touched by a caring and outgoing group of Christians. Those who were there will never forget the grateful faces, or the warm water and beautiful coral.

Florida Mission Impact Team



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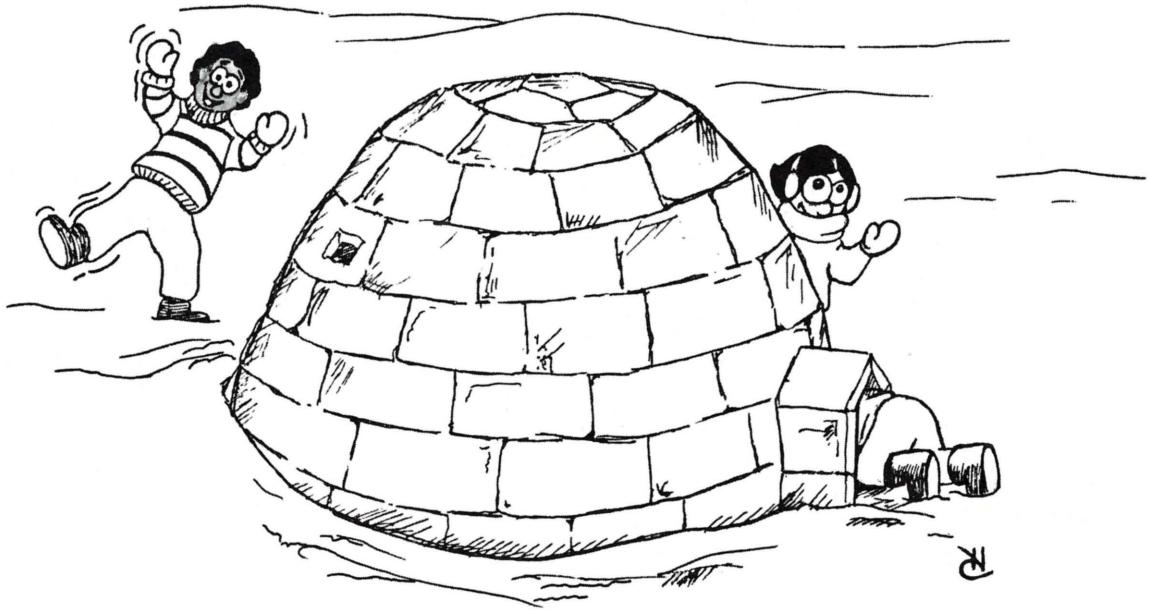


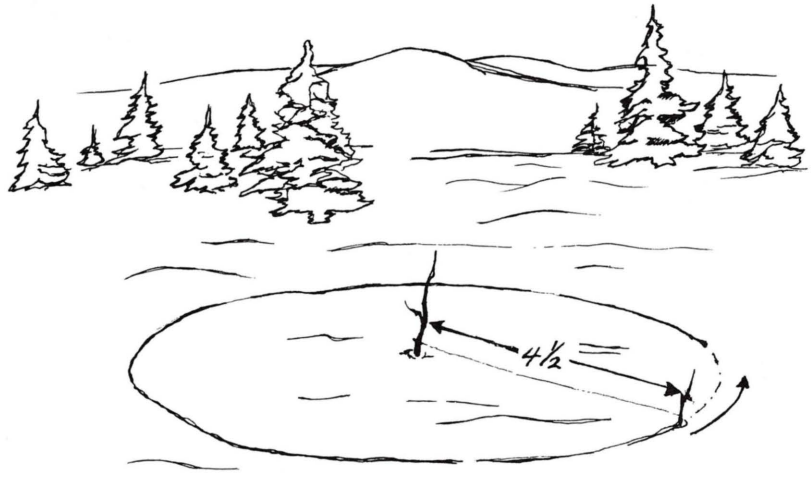
Build an Igloo

Eskimos have been making houses from snow for a long time, and for good reasons. Snow insulates well and protects from chilling winds and very cold temperatures. With a little practice, you can build some fine igloos too.

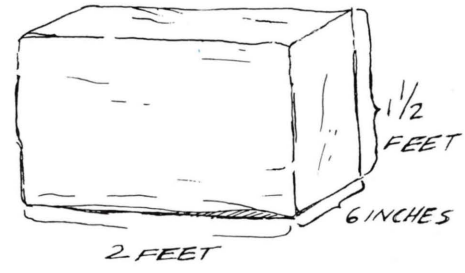
The only tool you need is a straight-blade saw or knife. The snowknife type is best, but a large 12'' keyhole saw will work also.

Before you begin, you must find a good spot to build. It should be a large area of well-packed snow. The snow must be at least two feet deep, and firm enough all over to hold your weight. Probe it with a skinny stick to make sure there are no layers of ice or soft spots.

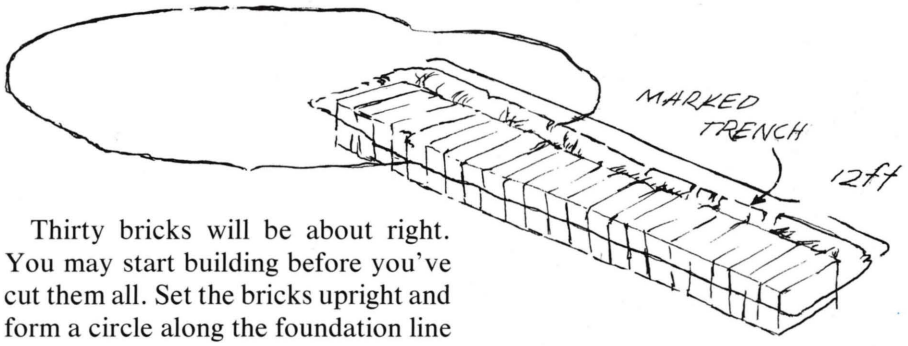
Mark out a rough circle in the snow, about nine feet in diameter. This will guide you in placing the foundation snow bricks. An easy way to do this is by tying a string to two sticks. Have a person hold one stick in the snow while another person circles, dragging the other stick. The string should be half as long as the diameter, or four and one-half feet.



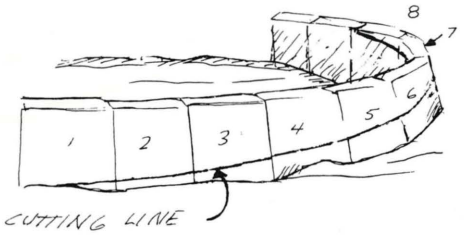
The snow bricks should be two feet long, one and one-half feet high, and six inches thick. To make the bricks, first mark a trench outline in the snow. It will be two and one-half feet wide, and 12 feet long, with three of those 12 feet inside of the igloo diameter. The igloo's entrance will be on the trench side.



Dig down two feet deep along the edges of the trench. This will leave a row of uncut bricks, as in the illustration. Saw across the bottom (one and one-half feet down), and cut the bricks six inches wide. Lift out each block and set them aside.



Thirty bricks will be about right. You may start building before you've cut them all. Set the bricks upright and form a circle along the foundation line you marked earlier. Each brick should lean slightly toward the center of the igloo. After placing the first eight blocks, cut the tops at an angle so the next rows will spiral up. (See drawing.)



Put a temporary block in the trench and build across it. This can later be used as a movable door. Each row of bricks should be angled slightly more toward the center of the igloo, so that the top is rounded, not pointed. To prevent the bricks from falling in, push them snugly against each other, and pack loose snow in the joints.

As you get closer to the top, you will have to work from the inside. The bricks will need to be shaped like a trapezoid (see illustration) near the top. Your final brick should be slightly larger than the remaining hole, so it will not easily slip through. To place it, lift it lengthwise through the hole in the top, then turn it and set it in place.

Cut a vent hole near the top of the igloo, and in the door. These should be large enough to allow adequate air flow, yet without allowing too much heat to escape. Without them, you could suffocate, especially if you are going to cook.

Using Your Igloo

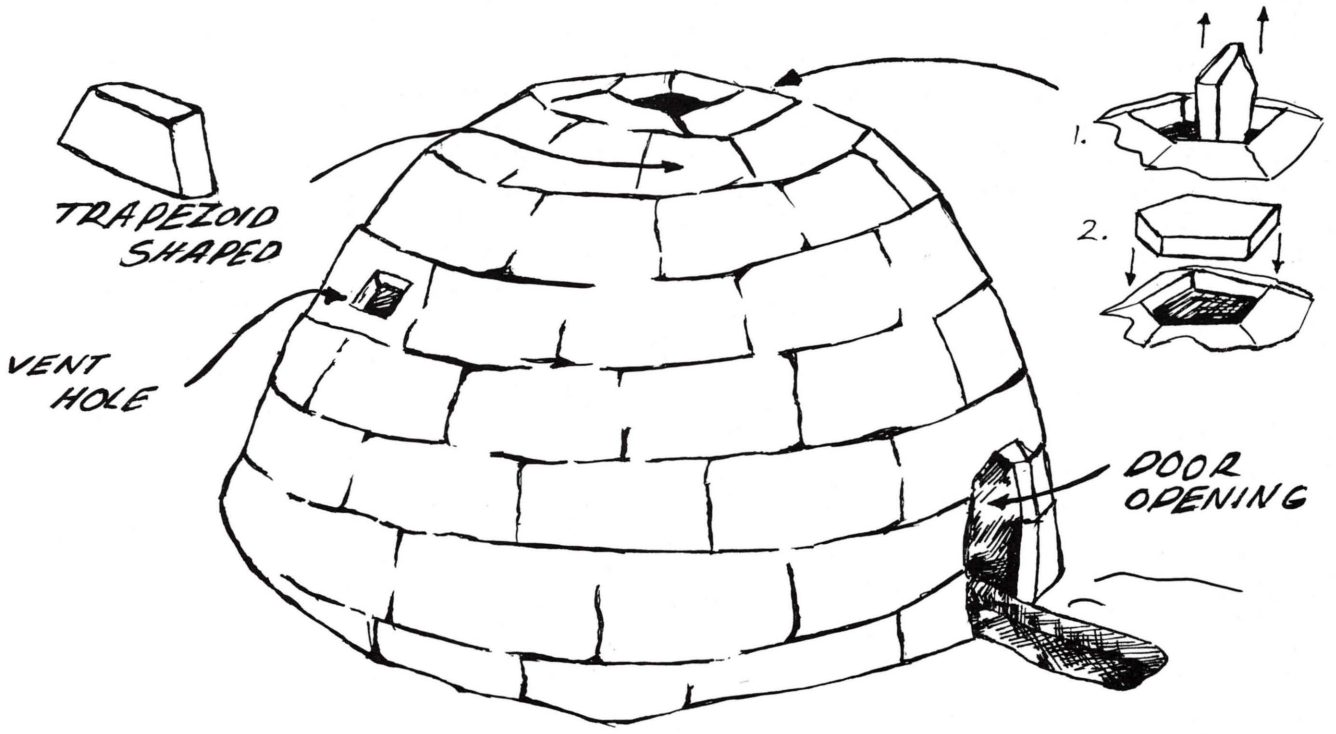
Body heat alone will raise the temperature inside the igloo as much as 40 degrees over the outside air. However, don't let the temperature inside get much above freezing, or else the snow will melt and drip.

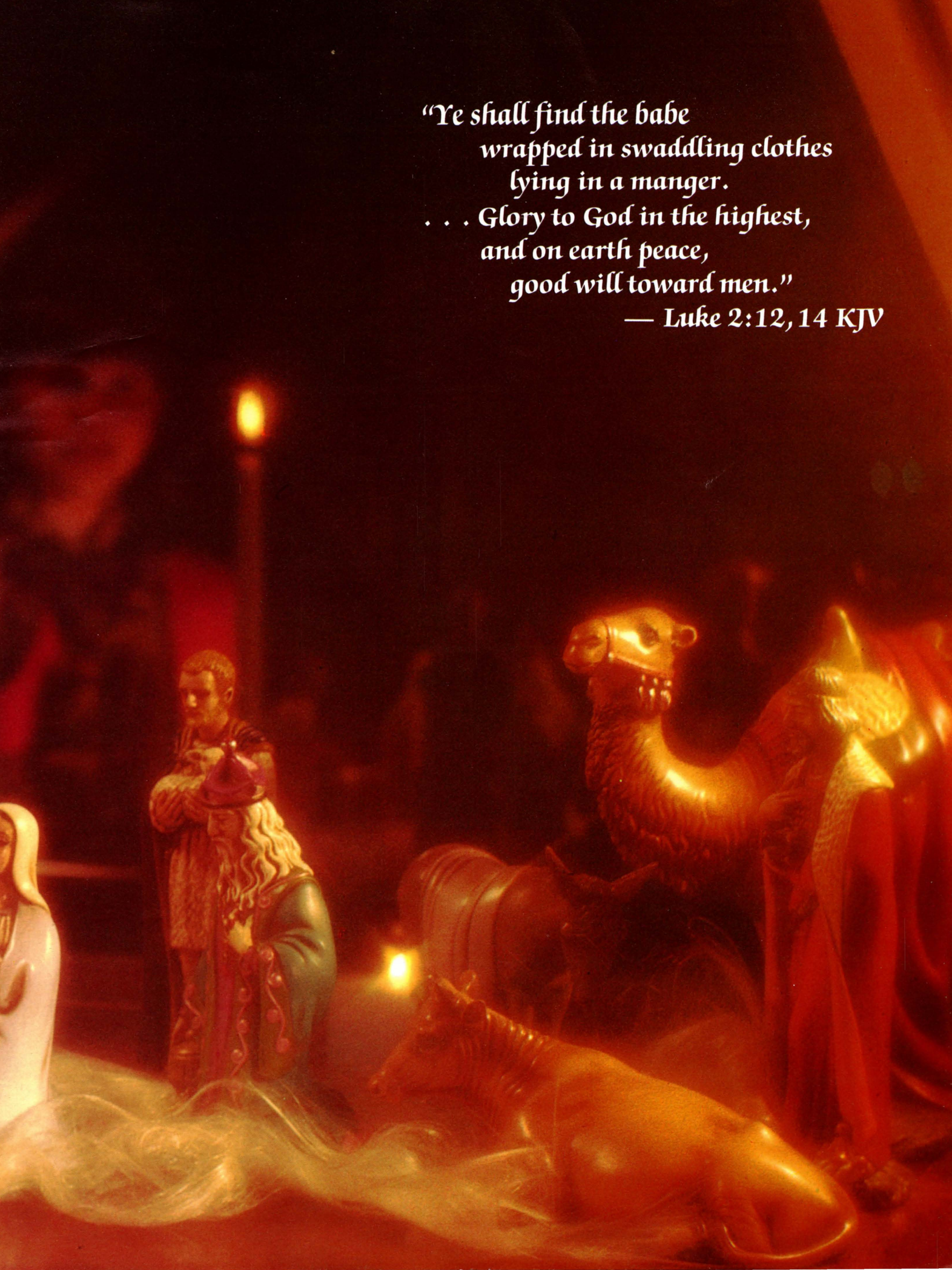
You also need insulation from the snow floor. A waterproof ground cloth and polyfoam pad are the best. A bed made from small evergreen boughs is also a good insulator. It must be four to six inches thick to give enough protection.

Depending on the size of the igloo, you may be able to store your gear inside. If it is left outside, freshly falling snow may cover it by morning. It's a good idea to set up a marker for each item if you think this might happen.

Again, remember that the most important thing is ventilation. If it is snowing, check periodically to make sure that the vent holes are kept open.

Happy iglooing!

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and on earth peace,
good will toward men."
— Luke 2:12, 14 KJV

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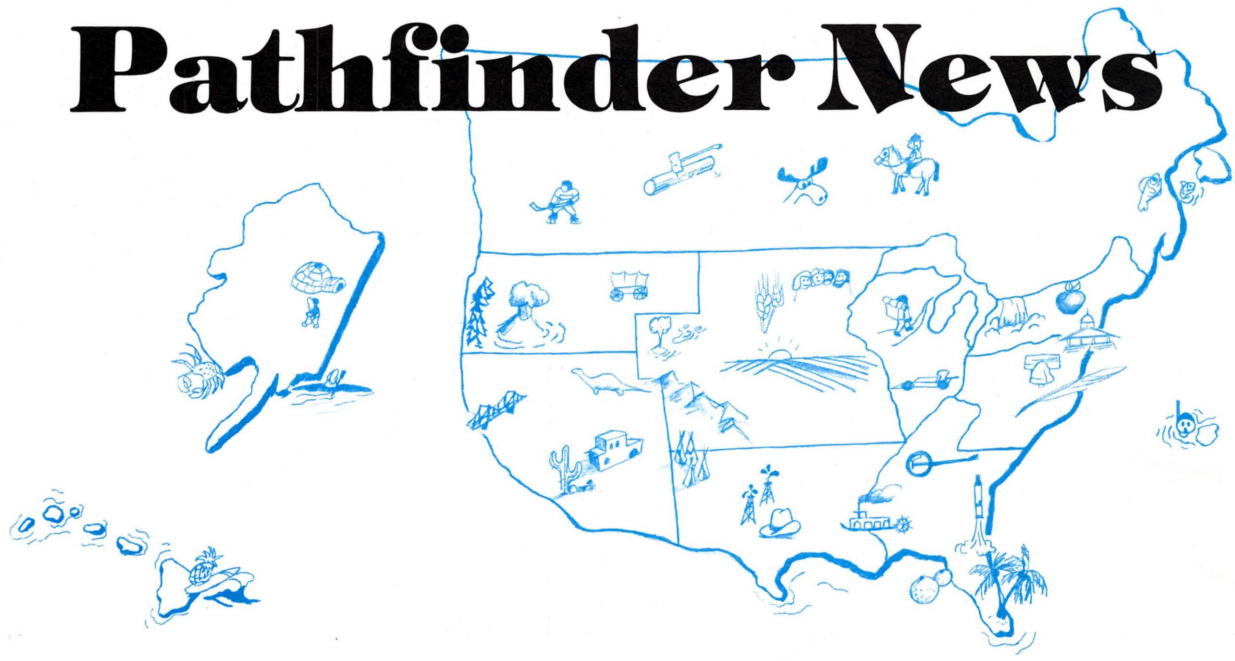


Atlantic Union

The theme of the upcoming camporee at Hammonasset State Park in Connecticut will be "Harvesting." Robert Farley, who is the director of the New York Conference, suggested several ways that the clubs can make displays, beginning with seedlings, going through the growth phase, and up to and including the harvesting.

Lloyd Scharffenberg, youth director of the Greater New York Conference, will direct the events. The five major events will be: first aid, knot typing, compass and orienteering, ladder lashing, and a mystery fun event. Two thousand five hundred Pathfinders are expected to attend.

Canadian Union

Canada has some adventurous leaders in their union. Allen Fowler, from the Sherwood Park Club in Alberta, and Glen Fox, coordinator for the Alberta Conference, are planning to ride horseback to the 1985 Camporee. A month or so before the camporee they will start their trip on the southern border of the Alberta Conference. To reach the camporee at Camp Hale in Colorado (near Vale), they will travel about 1,000 miles atop their horses. If you want to send some encouragement to them, address a letter to: Horseback to Hale, Attn. Lloyd Janzen, Alberta Conference, Box 5007, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada T4N 5E4.

Columbia Union

Supporting President Reagan's naming of this year to be the "Year of the Bible," a club from Columbia Union had a "memory-thon." The Chericahua Apache Pathfinder Club of Cleveland, Ohio, worked on memorizing Psalm 119. In addition to the value of memorized scripture, the club earned $210 through sponsors.

When President Reagan heard about this, he sent each Pathfinder a certificate of appreciation and a souvenir book called "The President's House." Elder Ron Stretter, Columbia Union youth director, presented these certificates to the club on Investiture Sabbath. Reagan also sent the entire club a personally autographed picture.

Lake Union

At the Cedar Lake Michigan Church and neighboring Edmore Church, the Pathfinder Club runs Vacation Bible School. This summer the Pathfinders put up posters, sent postcards, and delivered door knob hangers made by the Edmore Church members.

With everyone's help, the program was a success. Each night for a week the kids were brought in the Pathfinder bus to VBS. The teen Pathfinders lead the music, taught the lessons, and helped with crafts and refreshments. Total enrollment was 112, of which half were SDA children. Over 300 parents gathered for the closing program.

As a result of their efforts, the Pathfinders have 8 new non-SDA members in their club, and seven families are taking Bible studies with two pastors. Plans for 1984? The Pathfinder Club is once more the VBS leader.

Mid-America Union

Does it ever seem like it takes something big to make you important? It really doesn't. To an elderly lady in Jerico Springs, Missouri, the Sonshine Pathfinder Club is super important. Recently, they took the time to wash her windows — both inside and out. You can imagine how happy she was! It's often the little things that bring the most happiness to others.

All young people love Pathfindering, not just SDA's. Just ask an active club in the Iowa-Missouri Conference, the Indianola Indians. There are 15 Pathfinders in the club, and ALL of them are non-Adventists. They love camping, projects to raise money, gathering cans and everything that Pathfinders do.

North Pacific Union

Pathfinder Missionaries? That's

right! Pathfinder clubs of Eugene, Springfield and Veneta (all Oregon towns) were missionaries in their own community. At a county fair these Pathfinders sponsored a booth in the main convention center.

At the "Pathfinder Booth," young people signed up for a drawing which included youth camp T-shirts given away daily, and a sleeping bag for grand prize. The entry blanks included a box to check if the young person wanted to learn more about Pathfindering. What a super response! One hundred ninety-five young people checked that box!

The clubs are now contacting these young people in their communities. These Pathfinders are committed to helping others see Christ's plan for their lives, and they pray that their efforts may lead entire families to Jesus.

Pacific Union

"Looking back, pressing forward" was the theme of the annual fair on October 23 at Madera Fairgrounds, in which 685 Pathfinders participated. Many of the booths and floats expressed this theme.

Mr. William Mayo, who is Pathfinder director of the Fresno Westside Club, was honored as Grand Marshal in the parade. He spent many years of service with the Pathfinders of the Central California Conference.

In the afternoon came field events such as tire rolling, relay knot tying, an obstacle course, and rocket firing. Rockets made from plastic pop bottles were used, with air and water for fuel.

The event ended with the presentation of yearly trophies, and a firm commitment to our church and our God: "We have nothing to fear of the future, except as we forget how the Lord has lead us in the past." Ellen White, 3 *Testimonies to Ministers*.

Southern Union

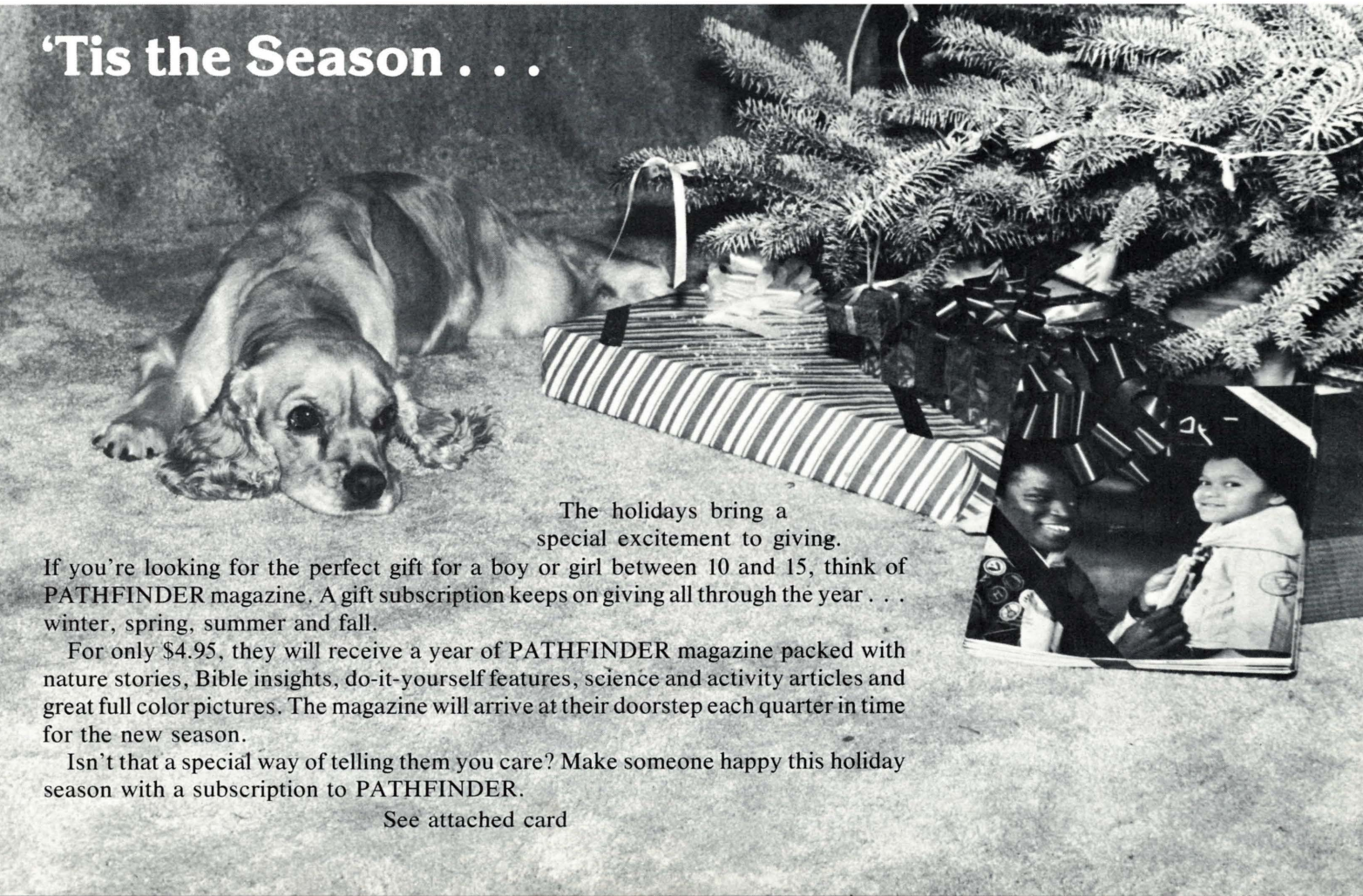
Alabama-Mississippi Pathfinders attended their camporee in record-setting numbers this fall. Three hundred sixty-two Pathfinders and staff from 18 of the conference's 22 clubs came. This was a 30 percent increase over last year. The event was held at Gulfshores Park, Alabama, and many enjoyed swimming in the ocean on Sunday. Brrrr!

On July 25, 16 Pathfinders and 10 adults from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference began their first Mission Impact Project. They spent 11 days in the Grand Cayman Islands conducting a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, a day camp, and a Pathfinder School of Evangelism. The project was a real success, and the Pathfinders returned to the U.S. anxious to strengthen their own Pathfinder clubs.

Southwestern Union

During the last three years, Pathfinder membership has tripled in the Texas Conference, reports Dave Shasky, youth director. And this year's camporee expanded to more than 460 Pathfinders. In the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, another record was set. This year's camporee was attended by 360 Pathfinders from 95 percent of their clubs. Only one club out of the conference's 20 was unable to come.

Active and enthusiastic are words that describe the Pathfinders of the Southwestern Union. How about your club, conference or union? Go for it!



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See attached card

Gold-mining termites

By Jim Tucker

Jim Tucker, a naturalist from Austin, Texas, has been actively involved in Pathfindering for a number of years. He is the author of Windows on God's World *and the junior devotional for next year.*

Pete: Hi! I'm Pathfinder Pete with another exciting look at the world of nature. You know, God shows his love in lots of ways. But I never thought I could learn about being a Christian from termites.

A friend of mine, Jim Tucker, knows all about these unique termites. The termites live in Africa and have something really special to share with us about being like Christ. Jim, tell us about them.

Jim: Well, Pete, it seems that gold prospectors are getting smarter these days. They are asking termites where the gold deposits are before they waste time digging.

The technical term for using living organisms to help locate mineral ore is called "bio-prospecting."

Pete: So, how does one go about bio-prospecting?

Jim: Of course, the bio-prospector can't ask the termite directly whether there is gold in the

ground close by. So I'll tell you what happens.

In the African Kalahari Desert there are thousands and thousands of termite nests. Each nest is constructed out of dirt that has been taken from tunnels the termites have made.

The primary reason for their digging these tunnels is to get water. But they don't want the water to drink. These termites raise fungus to eat, and in a dry desert there has to be moisture to grow fungus.

So the termites dig tunnels down to the water — sometimes 500 feet below the surface. The water evaporates and enters the tunnels and rises upward into the termite nests where it provides moisture for the growing fungus.

In the process of digging these deep tunnels, sometimes the termites dig through veins of gold ore. They don't know it is gold. They just think it is more dirt to get out of the way. They carry it back up to the surface and mix it with the mud that makes up their dirt house.

Gold is one of the heaviest substances on earth. The termites must wonder why this particular load is so much heavier than the usual grains of sand and dirt.

The bio-prospector comes along and takes samples of the termite's castle walls. This dirt is checked to see if there is gold under the nest. You can imagine how much money is saved by this method of prospecting.

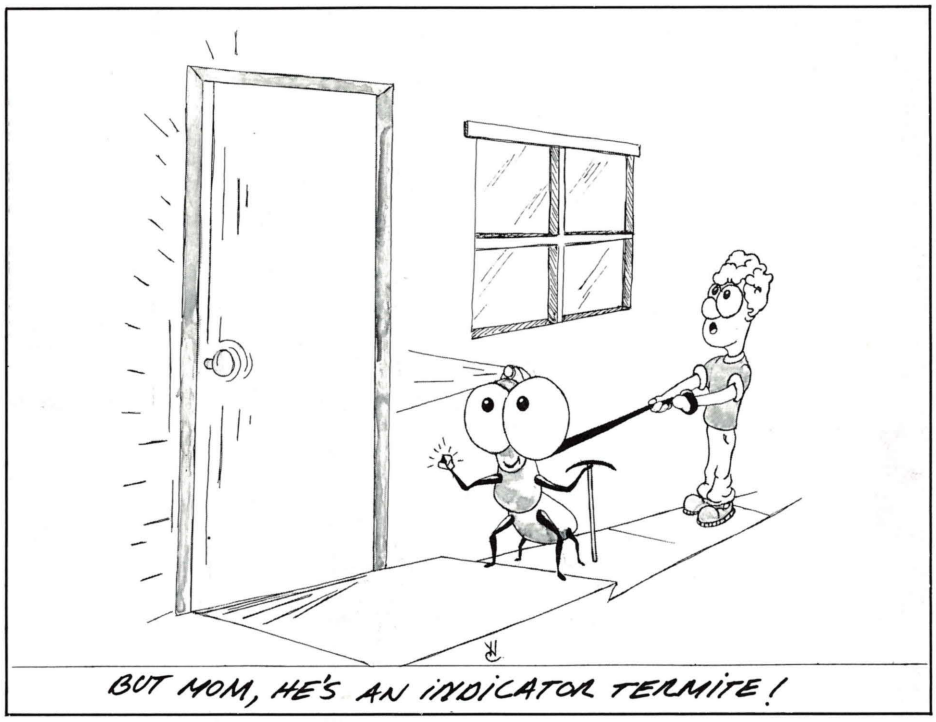
The bio-prospector doesn't find gold in every termite mound — far from it. He has to check hundreds and hundreds of dirt samples before he finds gold. But he doesn't mind. The gold is very deep under the Kalahari Desert. And it would cost the prospector thousands and thousands of test holes to do what the termites do for free.

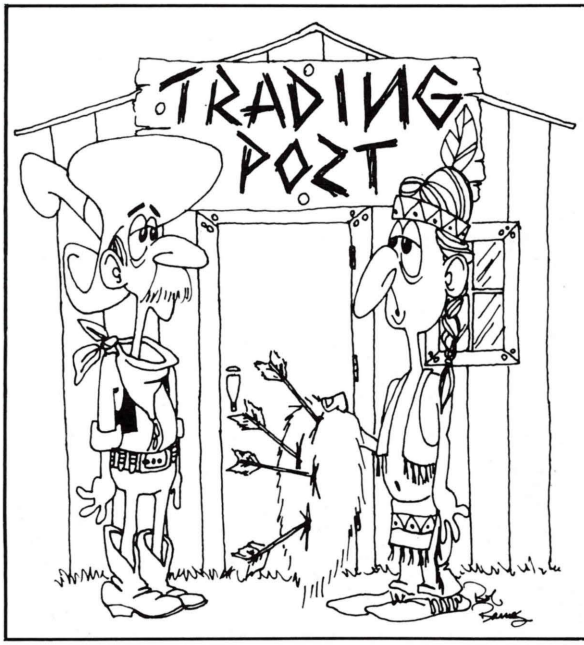
The termites in the Kalahari Desert are called indicator insects. They are named this because they are used as a means of locating unknown mineral deposits.

Pete: Thanks Jim! Pathfinders, when we live like Jesus we are indicators of the character of God. Like termites, we can dig into the Bible, searching for the Water of Life. In the process we bring a different kind of gold to the surface. God tells us we should try to find his spiritual gold. That's truth, faith and love.

How are others going to know we have this gold? The best indicator of the love of Jesus is the life of a Christian. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one to another." John 13:35

What does the world see in **you**? Does it see a lot of dirt, or golden love for others?





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STUNG

Three stings should have been fatal . . . Tim had been stung five times!

by Jeanne Wolf

Dense underbrush grabbed at their clothes. Rain fell in torrents. Mud oozed around their shoes with every treacherous step. Time was running out.

"Look, up ahead," Marta yelled. Through the trees she could see a hut, and a man standing in front. "Please, sir, we need help. Please help us."

"No speak English good," the man said.

"Your donkey, please," she pleaded. She just couldn't seem to make him understand the desperate situation she and Tim were in.

It all started outside the little village of Peña Blanca in the country of Honduras. The Mission Impact team had come to the Adventist boarding academy for two weeks of short-term mission work.

Each day, part of the Mission team and a group of students would head for the hills to explore.

On this morning, one such group of young ladies had decided to climb a mountain, spend the night, and return in the morning. They were led by four staff members, including Tim, an enthusiastic young man of 18 who had come with the Pathfinders to Honduras. Many of the students had never slept in a tent before, or even hiked a mountain trail.

With their food prepared and backpacks loaded, they were soon off on their adventure. They relished the mist and early morning shade, since the heat of the tropics would soon be beating down upon them.

The girls were easily tired and so there were plenty of excuses for lengthy rests.

The mountains were beautiful. Even the trail was exciting. At one point it passed through a clearing and wound through a herd of cows. A curious bull who came a bit too close sent the girls screaming over the nearest fence. This time, they didn't mind being out of breath.

Lunch was eaten on the grass by a peaceful stream. Blue-green butterflies flitted among the sandwiches. The smell of food was replaced by ginger lilies and jungle orchids. It was a perfect day. No one was expecting danger.

Upon reaching their destination, each claimed an open area and started making camp. The seven hours on the steep trail had left them exhausted. Most were content to sit and enjoy the panoramic view for the rest of the afternoon.

"Tim, will you please help the girls collect firewood," asked Marta, the leader of the expedition.

As he reached for some logs on the far side of the clearing, he suddenly started jumping up and down and hollering! Marta thought he was just being funny. She laughed, "What are you doing, Tim, trying to show off for these girls?"

"No," Tim cried as he slapped his body and violently flung his head from side to side. "I've been stung. Bees, I think." He continued jumping around.

Marta and a few of the nearby girls ran over to help, but he insisted he was fine. Quickly, however, it became obvious he was not "fine." Within three minutes, Tim's face started swelling. His eyes began to close and his hands felt numb. "Marta," he said, "I don't think I'm all right." Marta already knew something was wrong.

With her knowledge of first aid, she realized he was allergic to the stings. She also knew that there was absolutely nothing she could do except get him some help. And that was down the mountain, so far away from their campsite. They could see the school but it had taken seven hours to get up the mountain. What could they do?

"Please, God, help us," she prayed aloud. Then to Tim she said, "Come on, we've got to get you out of here."

Jeanne Wolf has directed the Altamont Springs Pathfinder Club for 10 years. She is a part-time nurse in Orlando, Florida.

The girls were left in the care of the other staff members, while Tim and Marta started down.

They ran as fast as they could through jungle vines, over rocks and streams, and across fallen logs. But they weren't going fast enough. Fifteen minutes passed and Tim was getting worse. His throat was now starting to swell, and his breath came only in short gasps.

"Please don't stop," Marta pleaded. "We can make it." Then the rain started to pour. "What next?" she thought. The trail became slippery and dangerous. The mud oozed at every step.

But surprisingly, the cooling rain actually helped Tim's condition. His breathing eased somewhat. Between one of his short breaths he looked up, and saw the hut. The man walked slowly towards them. "Surely he'll help us," he thought.

"I'm sorry Señora, ("lady" in Spanish), my burro no make it down the mountain in the rain." Their hearts fell. The man added, "But I take you." Tim managed to gasp a sigh of relief.

The two were off once again, this time with a guide. They ran as fast as the mud and vines allowed, but continued sliding and getting tangled.

It had been one hour since the stings. Tim felt like throwing up, but his throat was so swollen that he couldn't.

"Please, Lord Jesus," they both silently prayed.

"I go no more, Señora," apologized the old man. "It be dark before I return home." Before turning to go, he pointed the way to Peña Blanca. "Go quickly."

They did, and he watched as they ran together into the bush toward the road. Sure enough, within a few hundred yards was the familiar dirt track. But they weren't sure which way to turn. They had taken a short cut, and didn't know if they were north or south of the school. Marta took a guess, and they turned to the right.

By this time, almost an hour and a half had passed since the insects had stung Tim. He could not open his eyes and could barely walk.

"Come on Tim, lean on me. We can make it. I know we can," pleaded Marta. She continued to pray silently.

They passed a few huts, but no one heeded her desperate cry for help. Tim and Marta looked too much like a foolish young couple who had a little too much to drink.

Finally, a truck came speeding down the road. Marta placed herself firmly in the middle of the road. She forced a screeching stop. "You've got to help us, please. My friend is very sick."

The man spoke no English, but recognized Tim's need and motioned to the back of the truck. Marta told the name of the school, and soon they were off. Within 10 minutes, they sped into the school grounds and headed straight for the clinic.

The frantic run down the mountainside was over. But were they too late? The Lord surely blesses, for the clinic had just what Tim needed. In a short 20 minutes he looked almost normal. Tim and Marta sank to the floor in exhaustion, thanking God for his deliverance.

God had certainly been with them the entire way. Who else would have kept the man at his home in the middle of the day? Or showed them the right way to get to the school? Who else could have brought them down a mountain in less than two hours when it had taken seven to go up?

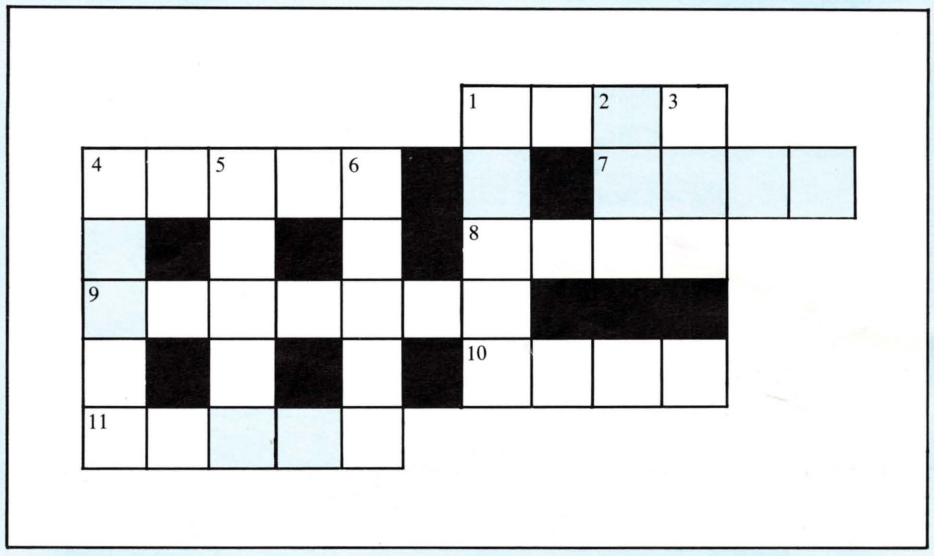
Who else could have kept Tim alive? The insects that had stung him were very poisonous wasps. Three stings should have been fatal. Tim received five.

A prayer and thanksgiving meeting was held that night with the most rejoicing ever heard. Grateful parents, thankful team members and Tim all praised God for His abundant love.

Wit & Wisdom

Did you know that Alaska, the largest state, is bigger than Texas, California, and Montana (the next 3 biggest) put together? Yet with under a half a million people, the entire state has less people than the city of Denver, Colorado.

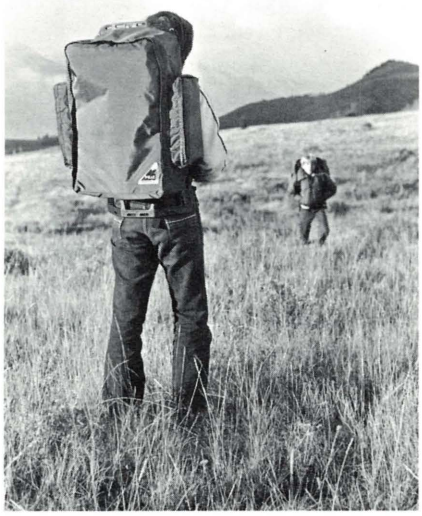
Animals come in many interesting shapes and sizes. We know of many useful adaptions they have, such as, ducks have webbed feet for easier swimming and bees have hairy legs for collecting pollen. With this in mind, why do giraffes have such long necks?



BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

1. What fraction of Jesus' life did he spend in public ministry?
2. How far apart are the Bible's longest and shortest chapters?
3. What did Paul say could separate us from God's love?
4. What did Daniel do when interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's dream that Joseph didn't have to do for Pharoah?
5. Where is the Bible's longest prophecy found?
6. Is the book of Hezekiah found in the New Testament or in the Old?
7. How much should we pray?
8. How many times did the Israelites march around Jericho?

Something New



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

1. Jesus was crucified, then ____ on the third day.
4. Direction the compass needle points.
7. Large group of soldiers.
8. He is not here; He has ____ away.
9. Best day of the week.
10. Not this one, but ____ one.
11. A righteous person.

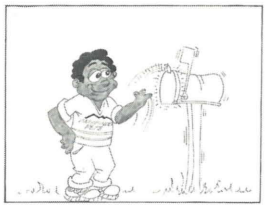
DOWN:

1. Not wrong.
2. _____ Bernadino, _____ Diego, _____ Francisco.
3. Old word for "before."
4. Plural of "nose."
5. Hebrew teacher.
6. "Where your treasure is, there will your _____ be also."

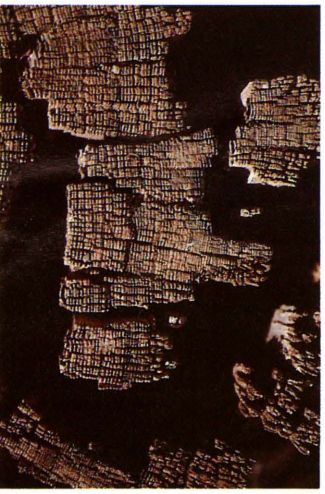
Using the letters in the shaded squares, answer the question below (in the cartoon).

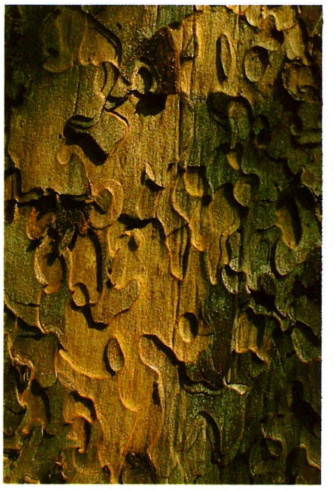
Someone who takes the gospel overseas. _____

Do you know these trees?



The 12 photographs on this page are close-up pictures of trees. Some are of bark. Others show only growth rings. Identify each tree as best you can. Eight or more correct answers will win you a prize. Your answers must arrive before January 31, 1984. The answers and prize winners will be published in the next issue. Send your answers to Pathfinder Pete, P.O. Box 193, College Place, WA 99324.





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Directors' Corner

With the 1985 Division-wide Camporee only a little more than a year away, plans are beginning to gel.

Most directors have received information about the $60 cost per Pathfinder or staff in attendance and instructions on how to register. However, few know of the activities planned for the camporee.

Directors' Corner will share the latest news on activities as well as other pertinent information.

Camporee '85 will have a variety of activities. These activities are divided into five major categories:

—Theme Area
—Recreational
—Skill
—Individual
—Club

In this issue we will cover Theme Area activities. The areas will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Monday and Tuesday, with shorter hours on Friday and Sunday.

These areas are bound to be major attractions as they are fun, educational and anyone can participate.

A. Handicap Awareness Trail—
Experiencing the challenge of visual and physically handicapped persons. Games, events and experience simulating a handicapped persons point of view.

B. Conservation Trail—
Series of stops along a trail highlighting various aspects of the environment such as erosion, tree planting, wildlife, natural resources, etc.

C. John Hancock Trail—
Walk through a history of Pathfindering and personally meet pioneers. Quizzes on the meaning of Pathfinder symbols and colors will help you to better understand the Pledge and Law.

D. Mt. Sinai Revisited—
Experience a working model of the earthly sanctuary and gain understanding as to the importance of the sanctuary doctrine for us today.

E. American Heritage - Indian Village—
Features the life and times of American Indians. Also learn Indian lore, crafts and games.

F. Wagon Camp—
Features the life and times of the cowboy and western living. Participate in activities such as bucking barrel, rope making, lassoing, horseshoes, etc.

G. Wilderness Camp—
Features pioneering life and times such as survival camping, lashing, signaling, stalking, tracking, and search and rescue.

H. Mining Camp—
Features the mining and logging life in the Rockies. Participate in activities such as gold panning, log sawing, etc.

Your Turn

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WHEELS, WHEELS

This past September, 56 Pathfinders from 10 clubs of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference bicycled the historic Natchez Trace Parkway. Twenty-six Pathfinders and their staff actually went the distance with 30 others joining up at various points along the way. The bikers averaged 50 miles per day during this week long camping adventure.

The 26 on the last morning
Photos by Byron Voorheis, Dwight Laubscher

Parts of the original Trace were seen at several points along the route as were such historic and quaint sounding spots like — Dogwood Mudhole, Buzzard Roost, French Camp, Yockanookany, and many others.

The clubs participating in the event (which earned each participant a special medallion) were: for the distance of 340 miles — Huntsville Spacewalkers, Montgomery Master's Brigade, Bass Memorial Challengers, Jackson Trailblazers, Vicksburg Confederates and Gulfport Beachcombers.

Accidents do happen but the trip goes on. (Rusty Clark, Roddy Bishop, Robbie Holbrook, in back, Ira Mills)

Others who joined were from Mobile Mariners, Pensacola Panhandlers, Cyrstal Springs Commandos, and Corinth Sentinals. Emergency vehicles were manned by K. C. and Dwight Laubscher of the Jackson Trailblazers.

Robert Holbrook
Montgomery, Alabama

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Answers to Wit & Wisdom

(hold up to mirror)

Because their heads are so far away from their bodies. Also, they feed on tree leaves and their long necks help them reach their food!

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE: 1. 1\11th — 3 years out of 33. 2. Just 2 chapters — Psalms 117 and 119. 3. Nothing — see Romans 8:38. 4. Tell the king what his dream had been. 5. Daniel 8:14. 6. Neither, there is no such book. 7. Continually — see I Thess. 5:17. 8. 13 times (6+7).

CROSSWORD: Down: 1. Right; 2. San; 3. Ere; 4. Noses; 5. Rabbi; 6. Heart. Across: 1. Rose; 4. North; 7. Army; 8. Gone; 9. Sabbath; 10. That; 11. Saint.

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Hot-diggity!

New Corn Dogs from Loma Linda

Hot dog on a stick! What a taste thrill for kids of all ages!

To make new Corn Dogs, Loma Linda takes great tasting meatless weiners and dips them in wholesome flavorful corn batter. All you do is sizzle them quickly in your deep-fat fryer, or just heat in your oven or microwave until they're crunchy and hot.

Then watch them disappear as kids and grown-ups reach out and dig in. New Corn Dogs are that easy to prepare, that simple to eat for great on-the-go lunches. New Loma Linda Corn Dogs are just too good to be true!

Look for them in the frozen food cabinet of your favorite market.

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